

EXHIBIT A

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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 JASON EDWARD THOMAS
18 CARDIFF,

19 Defendant.
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Case No. 5:23-cr-00021-JGB

**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN R.
COCHELL IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER
DENYING JASON CARDIFF'S *EX
PARTE* APPLICATION FOR AN
ORDER PERMITTING
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND
RETURNING HIS PASSPORT OR,
IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO
MODIFY BOND CONDITIONS**

*[Filed concurrently with Motion for
Reconsideration and [Proposed] Order]*

DECLARATION OF STEPHEN R. COCHELL

I, Stephen R. Cochell, declare as follows:

1. I represent Jason Cardiff in this matter. I make this declaration in support of Jason Cardiff's Ex Parte Application for an Order Extending International Travel and Returning his Passport.

2. To my knowledge, the Government has never provided a copy of the Extradition request or warrant for Jason Cardiff to Defendant or his counsel.

3. On January 15, 2025, I asked Valerie Makarewicz for a meet and confer as part of an email string relating to an Extradition Request and Warrant. I wanted to discuss the facts and circumstances of the attempt to have Jason Cardiff arrested in Dublin Ireland. A true and correct copy of the email is attached as **Exhibit 1.**

3. On January 15, 2025, at 2:21 p.m., I emailed Court Clerk Maynor Galvez an email stating that: The government filed an opposition making claims that we contend are inaccurate. We anticipate filing a response to refute the claims tomorrow morning." A true and accurate copy of that email is attached as **Exhibit 2.**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on this 15th day of November, 2024, at Houston Texas.

/s/ Stephen R. Cochell
Stephen R. Cochell

1 Dated: January 16, 2025
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EXHIBIT 1



Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com>

Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for Extradition Request

1 message

Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 2:13 PM

To: Valerie Makarewicz <Valerie.Makarewicz@usdoj.gov>

Cc: "Manu J. Sebastian" <Manu.J.Sebastian@usdoj.gov>

I would like an explanation of why an extradition request those executed 13 months after my client bonded out. I would also like to know what if anything, the government is prepared to do to assure that my client it's not gonna be arrested on an extradition warrant.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2025, at 1:24 PM, Makarewicz, Valerie (USACAC) <Valerie.Makarewicz@usdoj.gov> wrote:

What is the situation? And what needs to be resolved? VLM

From: Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 11:23 AM

To: Makarewicz, Valerie (USACAC) <VMakarewicz@usa.doj.gov>

Cc: Sebastian, Manu J. <Manu.J.Sebastian@usdoj.gov>; Sebastian, Manu J. <Manu.J.Sebastian@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for Extradition Request

I would like to find out more about the extradition problem, and how this situation may be resolved.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2025, at 12:14 PM, Makarewicz, Valerie (USACAC) <Valerie.Makarewicz@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Stephen—can you tell us what topics you want to discuss in the meet and confer? VLM

From: Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6:54 PM

To: Makarewicz, Valerie (USACAC) <VMakarewicz@usa.doj.gov>; Sebastian, Manu J. <Manu.J.Sebastian@usdoj.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Extradition Request

I contacted both of you earlier today in an attempt to find out why there was an attempt to execute an Extradition Warrant on Jason Cardiff given the fact that he has been in custody for over thirteen months and subject to bond requirements.

This is to request that the Government produce the Extradition request and related documents, including communications between the United States Government, including agencies such as the FTC, as well as DOJ and the U.S. Attorneys Office.regarding the extradition.

We are deeply concerned that the Government has interfered with the Court's order, violated the Cardiff's Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights causing the Cardiffs' great emotional distress.

Please advise whether you will voluntarily produce these documents.

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EXHIBIT 2



Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com>

USA v. Cardiff; Case 5:23-00021 Ex Parte Motion to Extend Travel

1 message

Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com>
To: Maynor Galvez <maynor_galvez@cacd.uscourts.gov>

Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 4:41 PM

Mr. Galvez

The Government filed an opposition making claims we contend are inaccurate. We anticipate filing a response to refute the claims tomorrow morning.

Thank you.

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